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Sir:

In response to the August 19, 2003 Office Action, please amend the above-identified
patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 9 of
this paper. Claims 1-17 are pending, with claims 1, 4, 7, 8, 11 and 15 being the only
independent claims.

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